

THE DEVIL WOULD RUIN ALEXANDRIA

"WOULD DAMN IT IF HE HAD HIS WAY."

Evangelist Delivered Telling Sermon Last Night Punctuated With Pointed Statements—Twenty-two Accepted Invitation to Lead a Better Life.

Evangelist Smith read the fourteenth chapter of Exodus as the scripture lesson at the revival service last evening, in which is related the story of the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt and their passing through the red sea on their way to the land of Canaan.

The singing of "More about Jesus," followed after which he announced his text, as the nineteenth verse of the first chapter, of Deuteronomy: "And when we departed from Horeb we went through all that great and terrible wilderness which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea." He said:

"When I left the tent last evening I realized and felt that we had come to a crisis in these meetings. I went home, but it was 3 o'clock before I could close my eyes in sleep. I want you to pray for me, for I never felt less like preaching than I do tonight."

"My message tonight is first to members of the church, especially to the man and woman who have been living a life of compromise—a life of no power with God or influence with man—and I am praying that God will make you think as you never have thought before."

"The Old Testament is a book of thrilling stories and they are absolutely true. When critics have attempted to wipe them out someone has dug up some tablet proving them to be true. The text is a perfect illustration of the lives of some people now. People at that time, had been living in bondage, and Israel is a perfect illustration of the man who is away from God."

"It isn't true that there is not a hereafter. Ask yourself these questions—Why am I here? Where am I going?"

"God's plan is going on irrespective of you. Who are you to attempt to measure God? Look out! You cannot analyze God! He may let you go on in your own sweet way, but some day God is going to have his way."

"Jacob of old sold himself, and men everywhere are selling themselves today. But life without God will not pay. While we were in sin Christ died for us. It is true that God loves you. Many men think that because they are in sin he doesn't love them. The devil never caused you to believe a greater lie."

"Some of you don't believe in a personal devil. Then tell me, who is carrying on all his work? Who is filling our penitentiaries? Who is separating man and wife? The devil would ruin old Alexandria. He'd damn it, if he had his way. No devil, no hell, you say? Why, it wouldn't be a square deal for you to go to heaven, living a sinful life, and sit beside my pure child! If some of you were called tonight the newspapers couldn't say a good word for you."

"God knows that sin marks us with everything bad, but he loves us! You remember how the Israelites approached the red sea with the Egyptians pursuing them and no hope of escape. And you remember how God suddenly opened the sea and the Israelites walked through, saved. You remember how you started, but somehow were tempted and tripped by your old habits. There isn't a man here who has not said 'I know that habit is hurting me,' but you are beaten by sin and go back in it. But if you'll trust in God's power and surrender your life to him you'll escape. After the Israelites came to Kadesh-barnea they stopped, began to argue, and only two out of 600,000, with possibly the tribe of Levi, ever reached the promised land. If God is with us we can win victory!"

"We have come to the place in these meetings where we will either go forward or backward."

Here the evangelist related an incident in the evangelistic experience of Dr. Wilbur Chapman, while preaching in a series of revival meetings in Bloomington, Illinois. The services had been in progress for two weeks, during which time he had been thundering against sin, but not on town visit the Rammel Cafe.

Number Decisions.	
Previously reported	237
Last Night	22
Total	259

person had come out for Christ. There was something wrong, and he told the people so. The ministers said they didn't know what it was, that they were doing their best. A story leaked out concerning a judge, the chief usher at the meetings.

"It finally came to the ears of the Baptist and Methodist preachers. They went to the judge's office, told him they had heard certain reports about him. He admitted they were true, made a public confession in the meeting that night, when hundreds shook his hand wishing him God-speed, and sixty people came out for God as the result."

"The crisis is here in these meetings," said the evangelist, "and I don't believe it's my fault. I have tried to be true to the light God has given me. But there's something wrong!"

"You can go forward to victory or back to defeat. Would that the church member who has been compromising himself would come out and take the position he ought to. The Christian life means that a man shall stand four-square for Jesus."

"A beast can live for itself, but God has placed us here to make the world a little brighter and better. Don't go back, Alexandria, to defeat!"

"I dare stand here as an ambassador of Christ and call on you to surrender to Him! I know of good men and women who are trying to live good lives, but they're lined up with the wrong crowd. I call on you to come out! God loves you, and I ask you in the name of Him to come out and make a public profession! To stand still means failure. To come out means a glorious victory! Will you come?"

While the choir and audience sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," twenty-two went down to the platform, took the hand of the evangelist and started in the Christian life.

CONRAD, THE COBBLER

While the cobbler mused, there passed his pane
A beggar drenched by the driving rain.
He called him in from the stony street
And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.

The beggar went and there came a crome,
Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown
A bundle of fagots bowed her back.
And she was spent with woe and pain.

He gave her his loaf and steadied her load
As she took her way on the weary road.

Then to his door came a little child,
Lost and afraid in the world so wild,
In the big, dark world. Catching it up,
He gave it milk in the waiting cup.

And led it home to its mother's arms,
Out of the reach of the world's alarms.
The sun went down in the crimson west,
And with it the hope of the blessed guest.

And Conrad sighed as the world turned gray:
"Why is it, Lord, that Your feet delay?
Did You forget that this was the day?"
Then soft in the silence a voice he heard.

"Lift up your heart, for I kept My word—
Three times I came to your friendly door—
Three times My shadow was on your floor."

I was the beggar with bruised feet;
I was the woman you gave to eat;
I was the child on the homeless street!

—Edwin Markham.

Dr. Charles E. Outcalt has just received a fine shipment of peaches. They are now on sale at his office, 122 south Washington St. 2221t.

Oyster season open. When down thundering against sin, but not on town visit the Rammel Cafe.

Alexandria City News Condensed

Miss Pauline Harrison, has returned to her home at 319 north Columbus street, after a summer's visit to relatives in Loudoun county.

Miss Clara Moore, who has been spending the past two months in Harrisonburg and Raleigh Springs, returned to her home here last evening.

Mr. Alexander Doniphan returned today to Augusta Military Academy, Staunton where he will resume his studies.

Mrs. Henry Starr Wattles and little son have returned from Charlottesville, W. Va., where they spent the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Green, of Washington were the guests yesterday of the latter's mother, Mrs. Julian T. Burke, in Prince street.

The teachers of the city held a meeting at the Lee School building yesterday afternoon and organized the Alexandria Teachers' Association, electing the following named officers; President, C. A. Burrus; vice president, Miss Mary Payne and C. T. Ryan, secretary and treasurer. The regular meetings of the association will be held on Wednesday of each month, at which time subjects of interest to the city schools will be taken up for discussion.

THE RAMBLER.

Paragraph Points Picked up by Our Man on the Street.

Last night I walked along a side street. It was one of those streets of Alexandria in which, unfortunately, the middle of the day is like the middle of the night. I say "unfortunately" because also it is almost within a stone's throw of the business center the grass grows in its so that one wonders why someone does not harvest it; and it holds a number of large business buildings which have fallen into disuse.

Interspersed among these larger buildings are a number of smaller ones in which are housed a number of families. From the door of one of these houses ran a little toddler, a baby girl of three or four years of age. She gurgled with glee; she was trying to entice her mother into a game of hide and seek; over her shoulder as she ran stumblingly she threw merry glances. I waited, thinking of the unconscious good of childhood, of the heaven that it creates in a work-weary and sin-weary world with its innocence and prattling; coming into the drabness of life as the many springs in the hills come down to the rivers and keep them from becoming utterly vile as they pass from city to city, ocean-bound.

And then the night was made horrible for me. The woman came forth and caught the child roughly by the arm. "You little brat," she cried, harshly. There was much more. Why repeat it? You can see what I mean, can't you?

You throw a stone at a young apple tree. You may not see the mark, but it will remain, a tiny blemish, on the trunk as long as the tree endures. You throw an unconsidered remark at someone you love, who loves you, and the sting remains so long as the brain which receives it endures. Long after that little girl has forgotten some of the many sacrifices that mother may have made for her sake, the memory of the perhaps only occasional little losses of temper will linger. It seems unfair and astonishing, isn't it?—how much good a little evil will offset. The virtue of a whole lifetime is often forgotten in the shock of the discovery of the one small fault. How very careful it behooves us to be.

I saw a fellow, horribly crippled, on King street last night. And yet, bully for him! he carried a smiling face.

Two men, standing near me, discussed him. One of them observed: "I can't understand how that chap can even seem happy in such shape as that."

Looking at the man who spoke I thought that I knew why he could not understand. He had a face like a russet apple that has somehow hung to the tree after the frost has been here for a long time. If his soul wasn't withered then the sun doesn't say "Good Morning!" You can't understand anything unless you have a lit-

tle of it in yourself. To the man or woman incapable of self-sacrifice—and there are many such—the hero or martyr appears to be only a fool.

To the man or woman whose only idea of success is the attainment of the things that show, and mayhap make neighbors a little envious, the men or women who will quietly, unostentatiously, give years of their life to study and meditation and practice in order that they may create a great book or picture, are also fools.

And yet, life would be savored, indeed, but for those who, like the cripple, can find good things within themselves to brighten the lives of their fellows.

And so the cripple, showing the man-stuff even in the midst of calamity, by his example is doing his part with the makers of that other great good thing—the Joy of Living.

Mr. Business Man:
While it is true that you have been in business for many years, and that your establishment may be the best of its kind in Alexandria, do you believe that everybody knows you, or of you?

It is a fact that there is not a city in the country into which either Mr. Hughes or even Mr. Wilson could not go unrecognized by a great many people. It is just as much a fact that there are many people here who have never done business with you—who have never been introduced to you.

New subscribers are being added to this newspaper daily and the Gazette is perfectly willing to introduce you to the people whom you do not know—Who do not know you—in a business way. Such service constitutes one of the many values of a local newspaper.

It provides you with an opportunity of being introduced to prospective friends every day of the week. Quietly, insistently, it is keeping your name before people whom you ought to know. That's the great value of advertising; and that's what produces the psychological effect that brings results. You do not need to take a great deal of space or spend a great deal of money, but you do want to keep everlastingly on the job; for there are new people coming here all the time and there will be more coming. And it's good business to be the first to get to them.

Yours for service,
THE GAZETTE.

—Fall Display of—
MILLINERY

On next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26-27. The public is invited.

C. E. BRADLEY,
222-St 414 King street.

There were no cases on the docket of the Police Court this morning.

The local board of tax review will hold a meeting this evening at 7:30 in the office of the chairman of the board, Robinson Moncre.

The subscription dance which was being arranged for Monday evening September 25, by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Old Dominion Boat Club has been postponed. The dance will be given at the boathouse on Saturday evening, October 8th. All tickets which have been sold for the dance will be accepted on Saturday evening.

Mr. C. B. Brooking, of Washington, who is in charge of the Gypsy Smith special for Alexandria, expects to have one hundred names by today necessary to secure the special which will leave Warrenton at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon next, and return the same evening after the services.

James T. Luckett will be the delegate and George W. Bontz, alternate, to represent Oriental Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias of this city at the eighth annual State convention of that order which will be held at Petersburg, Va., October 3. A number of the members of Oriental Lodge will also attend.

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Mr. Jack Reardon left today for Randolph-Macon College Ashland, Va.

Miss Corinne T. Reardon, left today for the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.

The members of Mount Vernon Council, No. 1, Daughters of America, will meet in Elks Hall, at six o'clock this evening, for the discussion of several important questions. A strong attendance is urged.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Mason, Jr., of Charles Town, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Morris Mason, to Mr. Edward Strudwick, Jr., of Richmond, Va. The wedding will take place the first part of October. Miss Mason who has a number of friends in Alexandria, is connected with several prominent Virginia families.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

All Around the Old Dominion State.

Three foreign warships have again appeared off Cape Henry to pursue a campaign of watchful waiting for a supposed German merchant submarine now reported near the coast. Following a report that a submarine was sighted 275 miles southeast of the capes, Wednesday proceeding north, several allied warships steamed north in the hope of getting sight of her. It is said there are ten allied warships strewn out along the coast waiting for a chance to capture or sink the German underwater craft.

Miss Bettie West, one of the best-known women in Norfolk, and member of a family long prominent in the county, died Tuesday afternoon as the result of burns sustained when her clothing caught fire from a gas stove. Before aid could come, her body was a mass of flames. For several hours Miss West lingered in agony, which was relieved by the administration of opiates.

Horses were on Tuesday sold by the pound for the first time in the Winchester market, when Scott Grant, a local dealer, delivered 26,680 pounds of horseflesh to C. G. Grove, of Martinsburg, W. V., for 2 cents per pound. There were in all 21 horses, the average weight of which was 1,300 pounds. A two-year-old colt weighed 1,400 pounds.

The Navy Department announces that during experimental firing on the battleship Michigan off the Virginia Capes the muzzle of a 12-inch gun was blown to pieces. One man was seriously injured.

Information has been received in Christiansburg of the death of Leroy Quesenbury, at his home near Snowville, Tuesday. It is stated that Mr. Quesenbury, who spent the day in Radford, on reaching home went to the stable. When he did not return to the house one of the children went to call him and found him hanging by a trace chain from the rafters, dead.

Despondency is thought to have led him to take his life. He was about fifty-five years of age.

Joe Browder, engineer; W. A. Thomas, master mechanic, and R. Dan Thom, round-house foreman, were killed in a wreck on the Virginian Railway, four miles west of Albemarle, Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock. T. W. Etepp, fireman, was seriously injured. The crew was taking a crippled engine from Adits to Victoria, and it is evident the wreck was due to the tender leaving the track.

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ROUMANIANS HALT THEIR FOE

Aided by Russians, They Repel Germans and Bulgarians

HOLD THEIR POSITION

Army Driven Back by Teutons now Fortifying Itself in Place South of Petrovsky.

Bucharest, Sept. 22.—The battle in Dobruja, between the Danube and the Black Sea, continues with intensity along the whole line. Official announcement was made here yesterday that the Russians and Roumanians have repulsed the German and Bulgarians in all their attacks, inflicting severe losses on them.

Roumanian troops which have been retreating in Transylvania have halted their retirement south of Petrovsky, the statement says:

Scia, Sept. 20, Via London, Sept. 22.—Stubborn resistance is being offered by the Roumanians and Russians to the attacks of the Teutonic allies in the great battle now in progress in this Roumanian province of Dobruja.

The War Office announce that so far the defense had maintained itself in its strongly fortified position.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—On the Roumanian Transylvanian frontier, says the German official statement, the heights on both sides of Vulcan Pass have been occupied by the Germans. In the province of Dobruja, southeastern Roumania fighting between the Russian and Roumanian forces and the German and Bulgarian troops has come to a standstill.

In Macedonia, the statement adds, the French sustained important losses when they were attacked by Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Florina.

Paris, Sept. 22.—The repulse of violent Bulgarian attack on the Kaimakalan peak, with heavy losses to the attackers, is reported in an official statement given out by the War Office. In the region of the Brod river the Bulgarians forced their way into the village of Boresnica after two attacks had failed. They were driven out by the Serbians in bayonet fighting.

Further progress for the Allies is reported on the left wing, where they have reached Hill 1,550, three miles northwest of Plosteri.

Athens, Sept. 22.—The Greek military officials regard the capture of the Kaimakalan Plateau by the Russo-Serbian troops as the most important military event in the Balkan campaign up to the present. The height, which is 7,800 feet above sea level, lies in Serbian territory and constitutes the western door post to Serbian Macedonia.

The local Serbs are jubilant over the capture of Kaimakalan, which they consider rivals the mountain feats of the Italians.

WOULD-BE CONGRESSMEN

W. L. Hamilton, Independent, and Joseph L. Crupper Candidates in 8th District.

Congressman Charles C. Carlin, of the Eighth Virginia District, will be opposed by two Republican aspirants for his office in the next election. They will be as zephyrs compared to the whirlwind which will make Mr. Carlin his own successor.

It has become known that friends of William L. Hamilton, an "Independent Republican," held a meeting and endorsed him as their candidate for Congress.

Joseph L. Crupper, the regular Republican candidate is still in the field. The Republicans who favor Hamilton over Crupper say they are opposed to the convention plan of nominating the party's candidate "as the conventions in Virginia are controlled by a handful of self-appointed leaders for the sole purpose of dividing the Federal patronage among themselves when a Republican President is elected."

Mr. Carlin's friends realize that a split Republican vote merely means a larger majority for him on election day.

VON HINDENBURG TAKES COMMAND

German General Sees His Army Thrown Back by the French

DECIMATED BY FIRE

Ninety Thousand Teutons Meet Hot Reception From Defenders With Rifles and Cannon.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Ninety thousand men directed personally by Field Marshal von Hindenburg took part in the recent attacks on the new French positions in the region of Bouchavesnes on the Somme. Many additional artillery trains also had been brought up for the event.

The result of the battle was disastrous for the attacking forces, division after division being decimated by the French infantry and machine-gun fire.

The fighting was extraordinarily fierce in the center of the region attacked, around Bouchavesnes and Bois L'Abbe and at Combles, about the Priez farm, as well as at Rancourt. At Priez farm two Prussian Battalions were nearly destroyed, and a similar fate was suffered at Rancourt by three German regiments which, advancing in four waves, made the last desperate effort of the day.

The extent of the German losses, may be estimated by the fact that a company of the Eleventh Bavarian division lost 160 men out of 210, while regiments elsewhere lost 60 per cent. of their effectives.

The worst sacrifice of life since the early days of the Verdun battle marked the vain German counter attack yesterday, says a dispatch from the front. According to an artillery officer who took part in the battle, the road from Combles to Rancourt is soaked with blood and corpses are piled on each side in mounds, sometimes three feet high.

The German effort to stem the French advance was the strongest made since the beginning of the Somme battle. It lasted over 10 hours and was made by six divisions, which suffered terrific losses under French barbed wire.

Two Prussian battalions, who led the attack on the Priez farm, were hardly out of their trenches when they literally melted away before the terrible fire of the 75s. Further south four successive waves of infantry, attacking in close formation, were smashed by the French 125s. The village of Bouchavesnes was the scene of the most stubborn combat of the day, when by a dreadful sacrifice the Germans succeeded in entering the northeast corner of the village, only to be driven out an hour later and routed further back than they had stood before the action.

The last attack, delivered at dusk, was terminated by a series of checks costing the Germans three whole regiments.

London, Sept. 22.—The Germans launched heavy counter-attacks last night on British positions south of the Ancre on the Somme front, the War Office announced this afternoon. New Zealand troops defending the attacked positions beat off the Germans with severe losses to them.

Despite the German assaults, which were continuous throughout the night, the British front in this sector was advanced. Prisoners were left in the hands of the New Zealanders, as well as a large number of dead in front of their line.

Dr. E. G. Brumback, of Page county, sustained a loss of about \$13,000 Thursday when his barn, one of the finest in the Valley of Virginia was burned.

Notice

I wish to announce to my many friends in Alexandria and nearby districts that I have accepted a position with A. L. Cohen's Clothing Store, 419 King street, and heartily extend an invitation to all to call and see me.
Geo. H. Hayden, jr.
222-1t.